

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: 1-800-RECONEX, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-58 TF-00-271 WRU-00-70-3510
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION, TARIFFS, AND CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,
GRANTING WAIVERS, AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE**

(Issued December 19, 2000)

On October 9, 2000, 1-800-Reconex, Inc. (Reconex), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide primarily resold prepaid local exchange services. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-58. In the application, Reconex states that it will be offering prepaid long distance service to those customers who subscribe to its prepaid local exchange service. Reconex indicates that it therefore will not be able to offer 2-PIC dialing parity, but states that if in the future it provides non-prepaid long distance service, it will provide 2-PIC dialing parity. Reconex indicates further that it will be offering its prepaid local exchange service in the service areas of Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom).

Reconex has provided the qualifications of its company officers and financial statements. Additionally, Reconex states that it intends to adopt the local exchange maps and descriptions and any subsequent modifications to the maps of Qwest and Iowa Telecom. On October 23, 2000, Reconex filed proposed tariffs with the rates

and service to be provided. The proposed tariffs have been identified as Docket No. TF-00-271.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has reviewed Reconex's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. The Board finds that it is consistent with the public interest to approve the application and issue Reconex a certificate of convenience and necessity.

Reconex has requested three waivers identified as Docket No. WRU-00-70-3510. Reconex requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to keep its records according to the uniform system of accounts. Reconex states that it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Board finds that this waiver should be granted since records kept in accordance with GAAP accounting are acceptable for a competitive local exchange service provider.

Reconex has requested that the requirements of 199 IAC 18.2 be waived. The rule requires that a regulated public utility keep its records in the state of Iowa. The Board will grant the waiver based upon the statement of Reconex that it will make the records available to the Board upon request.

Reconex also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1), requiring it to independently publish a directory. Reconex states that it will make arrangements for

its customers to be published in the directory of the incumbent local exchange carrier. The Board will grant this waiver since Reconex does not have a sufficient number of customers to warrant publishing a directory and will be making arrangements to have its customers listed in the local directory.

Reconex states that it will initially provide service in the areas of Qwest and Iowa Telecom and states that it will adopt the exchange maps and future modifications to the exchange maps and service area maps of the two companies. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have on file with the Board maps that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that by the adoption of the exchange service maps of Qwest and Iowa Telecom, Reconex has complied with the requirements of Board rules and Iowa statutes.

Reconex has filed proposed tariffs to provide resold prepaid local exchange service. The Board has reviewed the tariffs and finds that they comply with the Board's rules on filing and processing of tariff pages. Since the Board has approved Reconex's application, tariffs, and concurrence in the maps of Qwest and Telecom, the Board will grant Reconex a certificate of public convenience and necessity. If Reconex decides to offer non-prepaid local exchange service and therefore non-prepaid long distance service in Iowa, it is required to file an application to amend its tariff and to offer 2-PIC dialing parity.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by 1-800-Reconex, Inc., on October 9, 2000, is approved as described in this order.
2. The proposed tariffs filed to provide resold prepaid local exchange service are approved.
3. The request for waivers of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1) are granted as described in this order.
4. The concurrence in the exchange and service area maps of Qwest Corporation and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, is approved.
5. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0229, is issued to 1-800-Reconex, Inc., concurrently with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19th day of December, 2000.